

February 2005
CENTRAL COMMAND

SAFESTAT REPORT



Nevada Highway Patrol
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Overview

In February the winter weather patterns that the Central Command had been experiencing subsided and personnel were able to resume their normal work patrols. The change in the weather resulted in an overall decrease of 48.8% in the total number of crashes personnel handled compared to the previous month. Along with the decrease in crashes came an increase in overall activity by 631 violations or 28.3% also when compared to the previous month.

Of the 86 crashes handled by Central Command personnel, 2 involved a fatality for a 200% increase, 24 involved injuries for a 60% decrease and 60 involved property damage for a 44.4% decrease. These decreases are largely due to the break in winter storms and the refocusing of Command personnel. Even though crashes involving commercial vehicles declined by 52.6% these types of crashes remain a major concern within the Command. During the month of February, commercial vehicle crashes consisted of 20.9% of the total crashes and of the 18 commercial vehicle crashes, 13 or 72% were the fault of the commercial driver. The Central Command will continue its efforts to reduce these types of crashes through our Directed Enforcement programs initiated in both Traffic and Commercial operations.

Overall enforcement activity increased by 28.3% or 631 more violations were cited when compared to January. All enforcement categories increased substantially with the exception of one, hazardous moving violations which decreased by 25%. The most notable increases occurred in the "Other Arrest" category, 109.6%, the "Speed Violation" category, 52.4% and the "Occupant Restraint Violation" category, 37.1%. Commercial Enforcement operations also showed notable increases in all categories. "Hazardous Moving Violations" increased by 70%, "Total Safety Inspections" increased by 62.5%, "Total Safety Violations-Repair Orders" increased by 68.6% and "Total Safety Inspections" increased by 77.8%. These increases show Central Command personnel have continued their dedication to make our highways safe for the motoring public.

I commend the personnel of the Central Command for efforts, hard work and commitment to doing the best job possible.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	February-05		February-04	% Change		January-05	% Change
Total Crashes	86		116	-25.9%		168	-48.8%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	60		84	-28.6%		108	-44.4%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	24		30	-20.0%		60	-60.0%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	2		2	0.0%		0	200.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	3		9	-66.7%		6	-50.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	3		3	0.0%		0	300.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1		0	100.0%		0	100.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	2		0	200.0%		0	200.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0		1	-100.0%		0	0.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0		1	-100.0%		0	0.0%
Total persons killed -- seatbelts not applicable	0		1	-100.0%		0	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	18		19	-5.3%		38	-52.6%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	11		16	-31.3%		24	-54.2%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	7		3	133.3%		14	-50.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 2.3%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 3.5%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 100.0%

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 20.9%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

- ☒ Total crashes declined by almost 49% or 82. This is largely due to fewer severe winter storms throughout the Command in February as compared to January.
- ☒ Property Damage crashes declined by over 44% and injury crashes declined by 60%. There were 2 fatal crashes resulting in 3 deaths, 1 driver and 2 passengers; none of which were wearing seat belts.
- ☒ There were only 3 DUI related crashes for a 50% decline. The average BAC was .206.
- ☒ Crashes involving commercial vehicles declined by over 52%, with 18 crashes for the month. Of the 18 crashes, 9 involved only the commercial vehicle and the remaining 9 involved one other vehicle along with the commercial vehicle. Of the total crashes, 13 or 72% were the fault of the commercial vehicle driver. Eleven of the 18 crashes occurred on secondary roadways with 7 occurring on the interstate.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

	February-05	February-04	% Change	January-05	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	3	9	-66.7%	6	-50.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	13	16	-18.8%	13	0.0%
Other Arrests	109	104	4.8%	52	109.6%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	52	54	-3.7%	36	44.4%
Speed violations	1457	1085	34.3%	956	52.4%
Hazardous moving violations	201	192	4.7%	268	-25.0%
Occupant restraint violations *	292	200	46.0%	213	37.1%
Total violations [above violations included]	2861	2120	35.0%	2230	28.3%
Commercial Enforcement					
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	17	20	-15.0%	10	70.0%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	13	7	85.7%	10	30.0%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	515	621	-17.1%	317	62.5%
Terminal inspections [level 5]	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	100	139	-28.1%	71	40.8%
Total safety violations -- repair order	855	878	-2.6%	507	68.6%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	32	46	-30.4%	18	77.8%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	37	20	85.0%	24	54.2%
Total school buses inspected	60	21	185.7%	18	233.3%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	5	5	0.0%	3	66.7%
Total trucks weighed	138	364	-62.1%	102	35.3%
Total overweight citations	5	6	-16.7%	0	500.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	570	611	-6.7%	367	55.3%
Total dyed fuel citations	1	0	100.0%	0	100.0%

	Commercial Activity <i>[TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]</i>					
	Level 2/3 Inspections	Safety Violations Citation	Safety Violations Repair Order	Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	Dyed Fuel Inspections	Dyed Fuel Citations
	#	#	#	#	#	#
February-05	320	219	794	51	219	1
January-05	363	210	678	39	228	0
% Change	-11.8%	4.3%	17.1%	30.8%	-3.9%	100.0%

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- ☒ Total enforcement activity increased by over 28% in February as compared to January. All areas had substantial increases with the exception of hazardous moving violations. Other arrests more than doubled; speed violations increased by over 52%; occupant restraint increased over 37%. There were 67 fewer hazardous moving violations as compared to January. Much of this can be attributed to the 82 fewer crashes. In the majority of crashes investigated a hazardous moving violation is cited as the cause. If a hazardous moving violation was cited in only 80% of the 82 crashes, this alone would account for the decline. There were 13 arrests for DUI. The average BAC was .172.
- ☒ Commercial Operations personnel inspected 515 vehicles for a 62.5% increase. There were corresponding increases in the number of violations discovered, drivers and vehicles being placed “out of service.” Of the 60 school buses inspected only 8.3% were placed out of service. There was an increase of 35% in the number of vehicles weighed with 5 overweight citations issued. There were 570 inspections for dyed fuel with 1 violation discovered. Of the 570 inspections, 345 were conducted on secondary highways during 265.5 hours of directed enforcement.
- ☒ Traffic Operations personnel conducted 320 Level 3 inspections. This was a decline of almost 12% from January, however, the number of inspections conducted was much higher than the previous 4 months. Even though there were fewer inspections, the number of violations discovered and the number of drivers placed “out of service” increased. Traffic Operations personnel conducted 219 dyed fuel checks discovering 1 violation.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	February-05	February-04	% Change	January-05	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Transmissions	69,897	108,435	-35.5%	75,151	-7.0%
CAD incidents	9,067	4975	82.3%	9,006	0.7%
Telephone Calls	10,028	N/A	#VALUE!	12,876	-22.1%
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	111	87	27.6%	120	-7.5%
Arrest Reports Processed	40	50	-20.0%	19	110.5%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	18	6	200.0%	9	100.0%
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	344	N/A	#VALUE!	226	52.2%
Warrants Entered	401	180	122.8%	197	103.6%
Warrants Cleared	322	165	95.2%	139	131.7%
Warrants Validated	1918	1912	0.3%	2627	-27.0%
Extradition / Transports	3	N/A	#VALUE!	3	0.0%

EVIDENCE						
New Cases Submitted	27		32	-15.6%	19	42.1%
New Items Submitted	55		67	-17.9%	37	48.6%
Items Disposed	3		11	-72.7%	401	-99.3%

Contract Service overtime for February was 12 wide load escorts for 537.4 hours totaling \$30,961.

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- ☒ The Communications Center had a decrease of 7% in the number of radio transmissions due to 3 fewer work days in February as compared to the 31 in January. The daily average of radio transmissions were 72 per day higher in February. There was an overall increase in the number of CAD incidents generated, but there was actually 33 additional incidents per day in February as compared to January. There was a 22% decline in the number of telephone calls. This can be attributed to not having the severe winter weather in February. Winter weather generates a large number of telephone calls to the Communications Center to check on road conditions and to report hazards and crashes on the highways.
- ☒ Front Office personnel processed 7.5% fewer accident reports in February. This is directly attributed to the fewer number of crashes investigated by Central Command personnel. Arrest and Officer Reports doubled. This is due to the 44% increase in the number of persons arrested.
- ☒ The number of warrants received increased by more than 52%. The number of warrants entered and the number of warrants cleared both more than doubled when compared to January. Warrants validated declined by 27%. There were 3 persons transported for warrants.
- ☒ There was a 42% increase in the number of new cases submitted with evidence. With this came the corresponding increase in the number of new items submitted. NHP initiated 82% of the new cases.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

- ☒ Division personnel assisted Humboldt County Sheriff's Office personnel with the instruction of a child passenger safety class in Winnemucca.
- ☒ Tpr. Gonzalez assisted with the instruction of EVOC for new recruits at the Washoe County training facility.
- ☒ A Family Vehicle Safety Offenders Program was conducted with 4 persons attending.
- ☒ During Child Passenger Safety Week, 11 appointments and installations were completed.

PERSONNEL

- ☒ Six new Troopers arrived from the Academy in Carson City to bring the total to 8 new Troopers in the Command. Two new Troopers reported in January from the Las Vegas Academy. The new Troopers are Tpr. Ramsey - Orovada, Tpr. Madden - Hawthorne, Tpr. Sonnenberg - Alamo, Tpr. Ames - Wells, Tpr. Bennett - Beatty, Tpr. Meeks - Winnemucca, Tpr. West - Tonopah and Tpr. Brown - Austin.
- ☒ Central Command Quarterly and Annual Awards were presented on February 23rd. The Quarterly Awards were for October - December 2004. The Dispatcher of the Quarter was Kathleen Smith. The Employee of the Quarter was Tpr. Ed Smith. The Supervisor of the Quarter was Janet Grigg. The Annual Awards for 2004 were presented to Dana Thomas - Dispatcher of the Year; Tpr. Johnny Peoples - Employee of the Year and Sgt. Wes Masterson - Supervisor of the Year.
- ☒ Years of Service Certificates were presented to

Tpr. Faron Main	5 Years
Sgt. Bob Sneed	5 Years
PSD Tellina Mays	5 Years
Tpr. Earl Coy	10 Years
Tpr. Brad Warwick	10 Years
Lt. Gary Johnson	20 Years
Tpr. Bob Ray	25 Years
- ☒ Life Saving Awards were presented to
 - Tpr. Ed Smith for his actions where two juveniles were partially buried in a gravel pit.
 - Officer Jeremy Shelly - Elko City Police Department for his efforts to remove a driver from a burning vehicle.
 - Officer Shelly's wife, Tracey, also received a Certificate of Appreciation for her efforts.
- ☒ Annual Central Command "Continued Support and Assistance" Award was presented to NDOT District 3 for the support and quick response to Division needs and issues during the past year.

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